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DOCKERS' STRIKE SURPRISE.

RIVAL UNIONS CLASH.

NEW "STAY-IN" STRIKE POLICY.

"HANDS OFF LONDON!"

PREMIER'S POSSIBLE MEDIATION.

(Reuter's General Service.)

LONDON, February 17.

A surprise move in the dock strike to-day was the decision of the National Stevedores' Union in favour of a "stay-in" strike. The union is the rival organisation to the Transport Workers' Union. It claims to have 20,000 members in the Port of London and to represent all stevedores and lightermen and fifty per cent. of the dockers.

The members of the stevedores' executive have declared that as a result of this policy there will be more chaos in the Port of London in forty-eight hours than had the Union struck, and they will speedily obtain recognition.

STILL HOPE.

Mr. Ruark, the General Secretary of the Stevedores' Union, in a speech at a mass meeting of the members of the Union held at Brompton, recommending the "stay-in" strike, asked why should they punish their wives, their children and themselves by striking during severe weather and playing the game of the employers and the other union.

He added that negotiations were not yet all over and said he believed the Minister of Labour and the Prime Minister were moving in the direction of bringing about an agreement among all parties.

The policy the Stevedores' Union proposed was quite new in industrial strife and he hoped they would carry it out, for at least the first three days in the week after which it became necessary the policy could be changed.

"WAIT AND SEE."

Other speakers claimed that the Stevedores' Union controlled the Port of London and said their message to Mr. Bevin was "Hands off London! Keep to the provinces with your strike action!" They were not going to be dragged by the heels for Mr. Bevin and they did not intend to put cast-nuts out of the fire for someone else, but to adopt an original policy in the Asquithian method of wait and see.

THE "STAY IN" STRIKE.

LONDON, February 17.

The last meeting took place in London to-day of the National Stevedores and Lightermen's Union which decided to adopt a policy of "stay in" strike, continuing work during port hours only, from eight o'clock in the morning till five o'clock in the evening, for five days in the week; and from eight o'clock in the morning till noon on Saturday; and to go slow on piece work with no overtime.

NATIONAL STOPPAGE URGED.

LONDON, February 17.

The first meeting of the National Strike Committee held at Westminster this morning passed a resolution in favour of instructing all transport-

WOUNDED SENATOR.

SPLINTERED BONE REMOVED.

RECOVERY HOPEFUL.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, February 17.

Senator Greene has been operated on and the splintered bone has been taken out of his skull. His condition is serious but the physicians are hopeful of his recovery.

[While walking on Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, in the company of his wife, Senator Greene of Vermont was wounded in the head during a duel between prohibition agents and bootleggers. He was conveyed to hospital. The bullet which struck Senator Greene did not remain in his head. It caused a slight fracture in the region of the frontal bone.]

DAVIS CUP TENNIS.

SYDNEY, February 17.

It is reported that the selectors have recommended that Patterson, O'Hara Wood, Schlesinger, and Kalmis should represent Australia for the Davis Cup.

workers to decline to haul to or from the docks, wharves, and warehouses during the strike.

SAFETY MEN REMAIN.

LONDON, February 17.

The National Strike Committee in a bulletin says that reports from all districts are splendid. The men are determined everywhere. The delegates' conference's decision has been honoured in all ports. Where safety men have been allowed to continue work, they may only do so as long as blacklegs are not introduced.

OMINOUS OUTLOOK.

[This morning's earlier cables stated that men engaged at practically all ports in Great Britain, to the number of 120,000, were expected to cease work at mid-day on Saturday but negotiations had not ended. A final effort to obtain an agreement was being made during the morning. In the event of a strike, all sea-going goods traffic would be immediately paralysed, and if the stoppage continued for some days coal mines would be thrown idle. Other industries would be affected. A food problem was bound to arise, accompanied by increased prices. In the event of the strike extending to include all workers of allied unions, a total of 1,200,000 workers would become affected. Later cables stated that the only fresh development in the dockers' dispute was that the London employers had issued a notice that from February 18, all employees' wages would be increased one shilling per day on a "half daily basis." The chief remaining point in the dispute concerns the second shilling demanded, on which arbitration was offered and rejected. The Holt liner "Sargatan" with a full cargo for China, was among the vessels which got away from Liverpool despite the strike.]

TIENTSIN SENSATION.

PLOT TO RANSOM WEALTHY FOREIGNERS.

The dramatic arrest in Tientsin last week of a Russian Prince, a Count, an American citizen and others alleged to be members of a gang of kidnappers, was the means of foiling a daring plot to capture wealthy foreigners in the port.

According to the Peking and Tientsin Times the men were arrested while lying in wait for a victim. Five of the men were Russians, and one, said to be the leader, an American named Wagner.

It was at 5 o'clock this one of the Russians was first seen hanging about Woodrow Wilson Street, and at intervals others came to join him. Shortly before 10 o'clock a large automobile drove up. The car was drawn up to the side of the road, and the occupants joined the Russians lounging on the footpath.

Leaving nothing to chance, the police closed in and without any resistance being made, arrested all the men, including the Chinese chauffeur. One of the men, it is stated, had a revolver in his pocket, and in the car was a black-jack. The prisoners were immediately taken to the Special Area Police Station, and one of them volunteered the statement that they were waiting for a German who had promised to give them a supply of opium and morphine.

"We have little doubt that the men were concerned in a carefully laid plan to kidnap wealthy Russians," said Mr. Ting secretary to the Chief of Police. "It is believed that the gang has been engaged in minor criminal operations, but not in serious offences, for some months past, and that the scheme for kidnapping was perfected weeks ago," said one of our informants.

The two special victims marked down by the gang were Mr. Kakooostin and Mr. Agareff, two Russian gentlemen of means. The latter is the owner of a pharmacy close to the Kruger Hotel. Various attempts to kidnap Mr. Kakooostin were abandoned at the last moment, and the gang then turned its immediate attention to Mr. Agareff.

It is thought that the men were waiting in Woodrow Wilson Street on the chance of Mr. Agareff walking past, and when he failed to appear they decided to go to his house and persuade him to enter the car. It was at this juncture that the police made their dramatic appearance.

The car was hired from a Russian Garage in the French Concession, and the chauffeur is alleged to be implicated. He made a statement to the police in the course of which he is alleged to have admitted that Mr. Kakooostin was to be forced to pay a ransom of \$100,000, and Mr. Agareff \$50,000.

The discovery of a rope in the car has instituted fresh police inquiries into a murder committed in Tientsin some months ago. The rope, it is stated, is similar to one used to strangle a Chinese playmate, and the theory is advanced that the gang just arrested may have had a hand in this crime also.

The Russian Police refused to divulge the names of the men under arrest, but inquiries in another quarter elicited the fact that one of the men is a Russian Prince, and another a Count.

The American, Wagner, is still at the Special Area Station, but he will be examined by the American Consul-General. It is expected that further sensational disclosures will be made as a result of the inquiries still being pursued.

AN ECLIPSE.

OBSCURATION OF THE MOON ON WEDNESDAY.

VISIBLE AT HONGKONG.

When the Rev. Mr. Macdonald announced to the congregation at the Union Church yesterday that there would be a "total eclipse" on Wednesday, he took care to add that he was not thinking of the races. But despite Mr. Macdonald's afterthought Wednesday's events will interest both those who gaze at the stars and those who watch the favourites.

The moon's eclipse on Wednesday is the first of five eclipses forecasted for 1924. If the astronomical enthusiast wishes to see the phenomenon, he must linger at the bedroom window until midnight, when, with good atmospheric conditions, he should be able to gaze at the reddish coppery light which should be visible as the moment of total obscuration approaches. The brightness of this illumination is different in different eclipses, a circumstance which may be attributed to the greater or less degree of "cloudiness." The barometer does not promise any clear observation and photographers may quite possibly be disappointed.

Mr. T. F. Clifton, Director of the Observatory, informed the China Mail this morning that the eclipse had no unusual astronomical significance, but that it would be quite visible at Hongkong. The first phases, when the moon darkens and enters the shadow will hardly be noticeable. This begins at 10.18 p.m. and at 1.58 a.m. the moon leaves the shadow. Totally begins at 11.20 p.m. and ends fifty-seven minutes after midnight. It is between these times that the observer will see the effect of the eclipse. The next phenomenon of the heavens is on March 5, when a partial eclipse of the sun will only be seen from a region round the South Pole.

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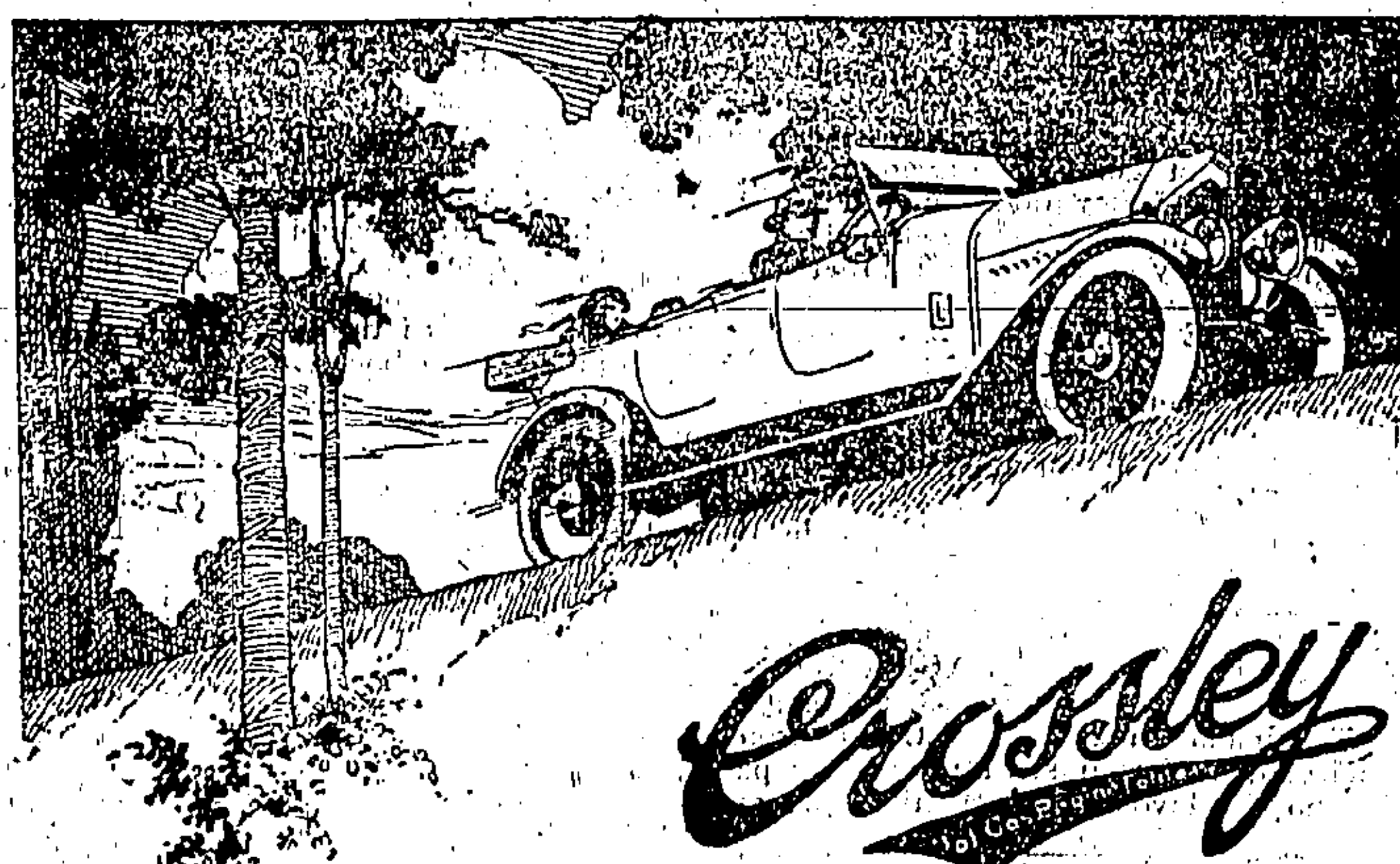
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ODDS AND ENDS.**MAINLY SCISSORS LOOT.**

"Do You Flirt?"

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in Austria because of the
questions to be answered by
heads of departments concerning
members of their staff. The
object is to facilitate a decision as
to which clerks are to be retained
when the reduction of officials is
finally completed. The question
which has caused most indigna-
tion is one in the section "Man-
ners and Behaviour," and asks
whether the official is inclined to
flirt with members of the opposite
sex.

Sequel To An Error In Fact.

Washington despatches again
refer to an undated report that
Baroness de Cartier de Mar-
chienne, wife of the Belgian Am-
bassador, refused to be the table
companion of Dr. Otto Wiedfeldt,

whom he was greatly attached.
It is untrue that Mehmed VI. has
her back with him, for when last
heard of she was living in a fine
mansion at Hadjr Pasha on an
income the source of which is still
a mystery. It is thought, how-
ever, that the ex-Sultan made
such arrangements as would pro-
vide for the girl's future when it
became apparent that Constanti-
nople would no longer be his
home. But a fortnight ago Maa-
Maha, disappeared in a most
mysterious fashion, and about the
same time a young Frenchman
who had paid her considerable
attention, and had persuaded her
to abandon many Turkish cus-
toms that restrict feminine
liberty, disappeared also.

the German Ambassador, at an
official dinner which the President
and Mrs. Coolidge gave
in honour of the Diplomatic
Corps, and which was attended by
representatives of forty-two
countries. Apparently the plan
for seating the dinner guests
provided that Dr. Wiedfeldt
should be the escort of the wife
of the Belgian Ambassador.
The Baroness, who was
formerly Mrs. Hamilton Wilkes
Cary, of New York, appears to
have known of this arrangement
sufficiently in advance of the
event to have expressed herself
in no uncertain terms as to what
she thought of it. Those in
charge of the dinner are under-
stood to have learned that the
Baroness would either have
another table companion or not be
present at the dinner. Accord-
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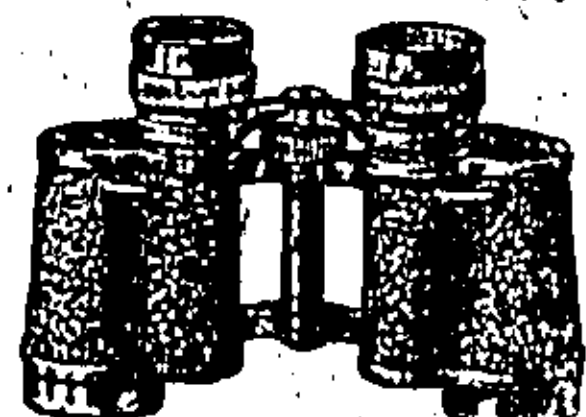
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WESTBROOK—On February 12, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Westbrook, a daughter.
MURPHY—On February 12, 1924, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Murphy, a son.
BARNES—On January 10, 1924, at Calcutta, to Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Barnes, a daughter.
MOONEY—On February 11, 1924, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. Austin J. Mooney, a son.

MARRIAGES.

BEITH—CRADDOCK—January 10, at London, Benjamin David Fleming, youngest son of late John Alexander and Janet Beith, Manchester, to Kate Ethel, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Craddock, Shanghai.
MASHALL—HELYER—January 10, at Kensington, Arthur Peterson Marshall, son of Canon and Mrs. E. T. Marshall, Stratford-upon-Avon, to Marjorie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Hellyer, of 30, Bedford-gardens, Kensington, formerly of Kobe.

HUGHES—SUMMERS—On February 8, 1924, at Peking, Wilfrid Vernon Bowen Hughes, to Eileen Mary, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Summers, of Peking.

DEATHS.

KOETIGEN—On January 13, at 63 Belsize Park Gardens, N.W.3, Gustavus A. Dolphus Koetigen, Chairman of John A. Batt & Co. (London) Ltd., in his 72nd year.

DEATHS.

WHITEWRIGHT—On January 11, 1924, at Bristol, Mrs. M. A. Whitewright, wife of Rev. J. S. Whitewright, of Tinsanfu, Shanghai.
BUSH—On January 13, 1924, in London, Henry A. Bush, formerly of Newchwang, North China.
GORDON—On February 9, 1924, at Glasgow, John L. Gordon, late of Shanghai Electric Construction Co. Ltd.
NISSIM—On February 10, 1924, at Shanghai, David Meyer Nissim, aged 59 years.
TONNOCHY—On February 12, 1924, at Shanghai, Frank Tonnochy, aged 42 years.
GORDON—On January 21, 1924, Mary Catherine, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Gordon, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, Singapore, aged 4 years and 11 months.
DALLAS—On February 12, 1924, at Shanghai, Mary, elder daughter of the late Barnes Dallas, of Shanghai.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG MONDAY, FEB. 18, 1924.

RENTS BILL.

Only one criticism can be levelled at the Government regarding the Bill to amend further the Rents Ordinance which is to be introduced at the next meeting of the Legislative Council, and

that is that it is long overdue. The mad haste which has taken place in the buying and selling of property has enriched a few, but to many it has caused a considerable degree of inconvenience and a loss which has meant a burden to be added to the one already almost too great to be borne. The proposed piece of legislation offers to the harassed householder both European and Chinese—for the European has had to suffer, a respite for which both classes should be grateful to the Government. The Government moves slowly but it moves surely. It has taken its time to convince itself that the evil of raising nominally good buildings is unnecessary, a waste of time and building resources and a cause of hardship, which it is not necessary at this late stage to reiterate. If coming events cast their shadows it seems to mean that we may expect a continuance of the Rents Ordinance—a measure that has brought in its wake a sense of relief and security, of which we trust H.E. the Governor, the author of it, is duly conscious. That measure was introduced in the face of established economic theories, against the advice of prophets and probably with a feeling that its introduction would retard the sale of land and property and help to divert capital usually spent in these matters. It has so far not done any of these things. It probably has caused the unutterable destruction of property at the hands of those who, not exactly imbued with the idea of making two blades of grass grow in the place of one, did desire to see accommodation provided for let us say, six persons, where hitherto only two found residence. But this desire was pecuniary and our property capitalists obviously had in mind the increase to be gained from increased accommodation—at least that is how the matter appears to us. Ordinarily we share Mr. Bernard Shaw's views that ten years is long enough in the life of any building, and that after that period of time has elapsed, any building should be razed to give place to a better one. But these are not ordinary times—hence the introduction of Rent Ordinances and Amending Bills. A reading of the terms of the Bill reveals the fact that its clauses prove the Bill a fair one and in keeping with the well-known standards of British justice. It may have one effect—and we shall be interested to see if it does—the effect of retarding the quick sale of numerous blocks of property. It may result in some good and divert money set apart for the cost of razing and rebuilding to the purchase of land and the building of new housing accommodation in other parts of the Colony.

ad as the act of faith, which came from the Church of Ireland (the Protestant Church) and from Trinity College (the Protestant College). The success of the loan, the collapse of the hunger strike among rebel prisoners, the increasing fearlessness with which, throughout the country, juries are giving verdicts according to the evidence, the reduction in the strength of the army by 14,000 men, and the fact that the Free State Treasurer will be able to show a respectable surplus when he delivers his next Budget Speech, are all signs of the times which must be welcomed by Irishmen at home and abroad, and indeed by all who wish well to a country which was so long in a State of political ferment.

Lady Astor.

The lady who is all unconsciously "boosting" Hongkong in a most unfavourable light will probably go down in history and be remembered only as the first lady member of Parliament. That is sufficient to turn any lady's head. The trouble we imagine is that which can be laid at the door of most people and which goes under various names according to the culture of the person making use of any of them. It may be termed as taking things—including oneself which is the unpardonable sin—too seriously. It is quite possible Lady Astor conceives herself to be a modern Joan of Arc leading her forces against the social evils of the time. She has tilted at all kinds of windmills and has been able to have placed on the statute book a Bill designed to prevent young persons under the age of 16 being served with drink. That at least is something to be proud of and one sometimes wonders why its provisions have not been adopted in Hongkong. Those who know speak of the strenuous life which Lady Astor lives. It consists in the main of committee meeting after committee meeting. Her tiffin and dinner parties are said to be collections of people gathered to consider some object of social reform the discussions gently guided and controlled by the fair hostess. How she manages to do all the things she does and look after her home and attend to her parliamentary duties as well, excites the admiration of a large number of people. Nature has probably "built" her for a strenuous public career and yet has not deprived her of the feminine traits which some women who breathe the air of committee rooms almost continuously seem early to lose, whilst she has a conception of humour quite up to the average. Attending a dinner given to the women members of the House she was toasted as "the mother of the House." Looking across the table in the direction of Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P. who is now the Father of the House she caused a mild sensation by remarking: "Large family, ours." We may expect to hear much of Lady Astor in the days to come—principally we imagine, urging on the Socialistic Government in its schemes of ameliorative reform. The humour of the whole thing is that conditions are such that an American woman lectures England on its sins!

Ireland To-day.

Constant readers of the local newspapers cannot fail to have noted how seldom nowadays do accounts of the doings in Ireland find a place. Not now, is "Ireland" a standing heading in the cable columns of the daily Press, as it was wont to be in the pre-Free State days and for many months after the signing of the Peace Treaty. And in this case no news is good news. As a matter of fact, Ireland is probably more peaceful to-day than it has been for a generation. The grant of self-government to the North and to the South has already justified itself. Ireland is at long last in a fair way to working out its own political salvation. No one doubted that the Ulster Government would make good. Very doubtfully, however, was the experiment of Home Rule for the South regarded in many quarters. There were not wanting those who looked forward to the time, and who concluded it would not be long distant, when Britain would find it necessary to embark upon a policy of reoccupation. Happily these woful misapprehensions are vanishing in the light of events like melting snow. One of the most encouraging pieces of Irish news which has appeared in the English newspapers of late has been that relating to the Irish National League. This is the most decisive thing that has happened since the Free State was launched, and not the least significant factor in that success is what has been described

as the act of faith, which came from the Church of Ireland (the Protestant Church) and from Trinity College (the Protestant College). The success of the loan, the collapse of the hunger strike among rebel prisoners, the increasing fearlessness with which, throughout the country, juries are giving verdicts according to the evidence, the reduction in the strength of the army by 14,000 men, and the fact that the Free State Treasurer will be able to show a respectable surplus when he delivers his next Budget Speech, are all signs of the times which must be welcomed by Irishmen at home and abroad, and indeed by all who wish well to a country which was so long in a State of political ferment.

THE WORST.

Some one has suggested that the world's worst son is that one relating to a certain class of fruit. Another is prepared to plump for "The Rosary." Ours is the one our next door neighbour treats us to every morning. We do not know its title, but we do know the title we give it!

UMBRELLAS.

If there is any thing more unpoetic than the ordinary umbrella, we do not want to see it. They are usually dirty, dour and dangerous—and things

you can't possibly raise money on. Out here we notice a tendency on the part of quite a lot of people to make use of either the Chinese or Japanese variety. These are usually big and more or less picturesque and relieve the monotony, although if their use became general, we should have our P.W.D. on the war path for the widening of streets would become an absolute necessity. Why not then improve the colour of the ordinary gump and make it a thing of beauty and a joy for the eye? Think of Queen's Road on a showery day one mass of hobbling pink, green, purple, red and yellow shades. No self-respecting shower would long stand such an optimistic way of greening it, and young children not yet at years of discretion and knowledge would shout for joy at the "pretty fairies" they would see dancing in the rain, or imagine that a rainbow had broken in loose and was visiting mortals in guise of umbrellas. There seems an idea of a play in this. We offer it free to our budding J. M. Barries.

FREE SPEECH. We are out and on the whole—regarding the right of free speech, although we may question at times the advisability and the good taste in saying what is in your mind. Mr. Zangwill was invited to America to lecture and got well paid for so doing. Mr. Zangwill proved specially obnoxious and said several things which might have been expressed differently or not been allowed to float away on the morning air. He told some of his auditors that Americans had very little honour, justice or dignity as compared with the English, and "no sense of humour." This was some "mouthful" and of course gave great offence. Perhaps family home truths are the worst to take. Soon after Mr. Zangwill took the floor, the late President, Mr. Woodrow Wilson, unbanded himself and assured his own nationals that since the war their attitude had been "decourably ignoble, cowardly, and dishonourable." Saying it with words with a vengeance!

LAUDER. The other day on the porchant that Sir Harry Lauder has of saying serious things and giving words of advice. The following extract from a speech delivered in Toronto last month confirms this.

"There can be no commerce or business unless the nations of the world get together on a friendly basis. There is nothing impossible to the minds of the English-speaking peoples, which includes the people of the United States. The pulse of the United States is toward a moral understanding between the British Empire and the United States. We want this great moral understanding to be known to the world. Britain stands fair and square to all the world. War is all wrong, awful, and utter madness."

Sir Harry urged the substitution of vision for vanity, and sagacity for suspicion.

Local Scotsmen will doubtless be eager to offer a welcome to Sir Harry when he comes, but if so, it is well they should remember that he is likely to deliver himself of some home truths.

THE PALACE.

The tenancy of the Crystal Palace for the Imperial War Museum expires on March 31 next, so that the authorities have only a short time in which to complete the task of removing them to the galleries formerly occupied by the Science Museum in South Kensington. The enormous amount of work involved is better appreciated when it is recalled that there are more than 200,000 exhibits, some weighing more than a dozen tons. The picture gallery of the museum is said to be unique, comprising as it does, a collection representative of every school of British painting during the war. The Palace is of course the place of popular entertainment at Sydenham, a suburb of London, and is a vast structure of glass and iron. In 1911 it was purchased by the Earl of Plymouth to hold in trust for the nation and is the scene of many musical and other festivals.

COMMENDATION.

We asked the other day for a Mr. Swenson whose attitude regarding his tenants is wholly admirable. Three more seem to be needed for a Mr. Richard Gallagher. This courageous young person recently attended a spiritualistic seance with the most worthy object of meeting his grandmother's ghost as promised by the medium. A ghostly form appeared and embraced the Gallagher man in a disembodied way; but being sceptical he applied his own test. He bit the ghost in the shoulder at which there was a loud yelp and a hasty exit on the part of the ghost from the room. As some advertisers say concerning their goods, the test is in the eating. In this case it was in the biting!

A North China Mail correspondent has put into verse the well-known Chinese saying on the "Chih Tien," or nine periods of nine days each now in progress:—
First nine, second nine—
Keep your hands from cold.
Third nine, fourth nine—
Ice will surely hold.
Fifth nine, sixth nine—
Trees begin to grow.
Seventh nine, river flows,
Water now is seen.
Eighth nine, wild birds
Take the southern path.
Ninth nine, hip hooray!
Coolies take a bath!

To-day's Poem.

(Pocket Wisdom.)

Author unknown.

Do all your deeds by good advice,
Cast in your mind always the end—
Wit bought is of too dear a price—
The tried, trust and take as friend;
For friends I find there be but two:
Of countenance, and of effect—
Of those sort first there are few:
But few are of the other sort.
Beware also the venom sweet,
Of crafty words and flattery.
For to deceive they be most meet,
That best can play hypocrisy.
Let wisdom rule your deed and thought:
So shall your works be wisely wrought.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

FEBRUARY 18.

1798. A sharp and very cold evening; first observed the crescent moon, a silvery line, a thready bow—
Dorothy Wordsworth.

TIED OF VAIN CONTEMPLATION.

Tired of vain contemplation, I in dejection laid me down,
And slept. Then came a dream:
I, on a lofty mountain top, in humiliation knelt,
And, with uplifted hands and up-raised eyes,
I Heaven thus implored:
"O Lord! to me the mystery of the world reveal."
But Heaven, with a smile, replied:
"Tush! in Mystery lies the Miracle!"
—Zamir.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

February 18.—Cornet Theatre: "Charles Ray in 'The Girl I Loved'."
February 18.—Star Theatre: Milton Sills in "The Faith Healer."
February 18.—World Theatre: A Special All-Comedy programme.
February 18.—Plan of the Recital at City Hall, 5.30 p.m.
February 21.—Theatre Royal: The Quaints in "Underground to Anywhere," 9.15 p.m.
February 19.—Organ recital in St. John's Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.
February 19.—Royal Air Force Re-union Dinner.
March 1.—St. David's Society Dinner.

SPORTS.

February 18.—Theatre Royal: H.K. Boxing Assn. special tournament, cancelled owing to Chadwick's illness.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

February 19.—Lammert Bros. at Godown No. 25, Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd., Kowloon, 236 colls. galvanised wire, 11 a.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

February 23.—Annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at City Hall, 11.30 p.m.

LECTURE.

February 19.—At St. Andrew's Church, Hall, Kowloon, Dr. H. D. Gordon Thompson gives account of his journey along the borders of Tibet.

CHINA'S RAILWAYS.

THREE NEW LINES PLANNED.

BRITISH COMPANY'S ENTERPRISE.

SHANGHAI, February 18.

The Shanghai Times learns that preliminary agreements drawn up between the British firm of Hollamby and Company and Chinese promoters have been approved by China Tung-pu for the construction of three railways—(1) from Tientsin to outer Mongolia, (2) from Chefoo to Weihsen; and (3) linking up the Penan and Tsingpu railways running through the Yellow River basin.

The scheme involves the raising of a £1,000,000 loan which is said to have been guaranteed by Anglo-China Ventures Ltd., London.—Reuter.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

T.T. exchange on London is 24½; on Shanghai 69½.

Eighteen fresh cases of small-pox were reported during the week-end.

The Hongkong Hotel will run a regular bus service between the Hotel and the Race Course for the race meeting.

Rain on Saturday caused all the cricket fixtures down for decision to be postponed. Accordingly there will be no "Cricket Notes" this week.

Held under a charge of piracy on board the s.s. "Tai Lee," the six men who are alleged to have been members of the crew, were further remanded by Mr. J. R. Wood this morning.

A concert is to be held tomorrow (Tuesday) at 8 p.m., in the Great Hall of the University, in honour of the new Vice-Chancellor, Mr. William Hornell, the retiring Vice-Chancellor, Sir William Brunyate, and the ex-Vice-Chancellor, H. E. Sir Charles Elliot.

When placing the navigation lights on the platform of motorboat No. 4094 at Taikotsui, a boatman named Leung Tsai, had his coat caught by the revolving machinery of the boat. Before he could extricate himself, he had been injured in the left breast. He was removed to hospital.

For the guidance of those who will watch the races, there will appear in tomorrow's China Mail a resume of what has been done in the training of the ponies which are to compete, together with comment as to the "form" of those which have caught the public's eye.

H.E., the Governor and Lady Stubbs have given their patronage to, and will attend, an orchestral concert which will be given in the Theatre Royal on the evening of March 13, next. Lady Stubbs has also given her patronage to the first public recital to be given by Master Emil Danenberg in St. Andrew's Hall on March 11th next. Announcements regarding these concerts will appear in our advertisement columns in due course.

Sunk by the Chinese Customs cruiser "Pak Tau" a few miles off Macao after she had been stolen from Hongkong by a piratical gang, the steam launch "Kwong Tak" has been raised and towed back to Hongkong. She is now lying in a Shamshuipo shipyard for overhaul and repairs. On the vessel's return the police made a search and found a rifle, and a quantity of other arms and ammunition.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Robert Bird Robertson Mair, of Bangkok, Siam, and formerly of Knowhead & Co., left personal estate of the value of £7,663.

The late Mr. H. E. R. Hunter, for thirty years in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank's Eastern Office, left £63,161, states a Reuter cable from London.

The death has occurred in Ceylon, of Mr. Henry Charles Wallace, the retired planter, who was for some time on Sunderland Estate in the [K]elani Valley. He was 63 years of age.

Mr. J. P. Morgan, as a memorial to his father, cables Reuter from New York, is transferring a magnificent library to the value of \$7,000,000, with the ground on which it stands, in one of the most valuable sections of New York to trustees who will maintain it in perpetuity for scholars from all parts of the world, but it will not be available to the public, owing to the fragility of the books and manuscripts. The collection contains 25,000 ancient, irreplaceable books, and is believed to be the biggest private one in existence. An endowment of \$1,500,000 accompanies the gift.

A POPULAR CHIEF.

COMMANDER BECKWITH'S RETIREMENT.

HARBOUR OFFICE PRESENTATION.

Evidence of the esteem in which Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., who retires this week after 18 years service with the Harbour Department, is held by his subordinates was provided by a little ceremony which took place at his house yesterday when the Acting Harbour Master (Lieut. Commander Conway Hake, R.N.R.) and a small deputation on behalf of the European and Chinese staffs of the Harbour Office and the subsidiary departments connected with it, presented him with a handsome silver rose bowl.

The inscription on the bowl stated:—"Presented to Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., Harbour Master of Hongkong, with esteem and affection from the Harbour Department on the occasion of his retirement in 1924 after 18 years service as Assistant Harbour Master and Harbour Master of Hongkong."

The unfortunate illness which has hastened Commander Beckwith's retirement made anything in the nature of public function out of the question, and Lieut. Commander Hake, therefore, handed him the rose bowl with an accompanying address, tastefully printed on parchment, to the following effect:—"To Commander Beckwith, R.N., Harbour Master of Hongkong. The members of the Harbour Office Staff respectfully ask your acceptance of the accompanying rose-bowl which we trust will serve for very many years to come as a reminder of your work here."

We would take this opportunity of expressing to the best of our ability our deep appreciation of the unfailing geniality, fairness and good sense which have always characterized your dealings with your subordinate officers.

In the seventeen years during which you have been in the Hongkong Harbour Office the tonnage of the port has risen from 32,747,268 to 54,338,239 tons and the work of this Department has correspondingly increased.

It is not for us to compliment you upon the ability with which you have shouldered every new responsibility; but we wish to put on record our sensibility of the tact and sympathy with which you have handled each situation; to regret that you should have had your career curtailed by ill-health; and to hope that you will have very many years to enjoy in your own country and with your family around you, the leisure which you have so richly deserved.

February, 1924."

To-day Lieut. Commander Hake received from Commander Beckwith the following acknowledgment:—

"The Eyrie."

Dear Hake,—Will you be so kind as to convey to the members of the staff of the Harbour Department my very best thanks for the beautiful rose bowl and the extremely kind sentiments expressed with it—both of which I very greatly appreciate—and I will always value the rose bowl for its pleasant associations.

I shall often think of the many happy years that I have spent in the Harbour Department of Hongkong and of the loyal and untiring assistance that was given me by all members of the staff. I regret that I am unable to come down and thank the Department personally before I leave the Colony, so I take this opportunity of wishing them Goodbye and Good Luck.

I am,
Yours very sincerely,
CHARLES W. BECKWITH.

BOBBIES TO BOX.

INDIAN CONTESTS LIKELY.

It is hoped to arrange an innovation in local boxing circles in the shape of contests for Indian policemen, at the Police Tournament to be held at 9 p.m. this Saturday, at Volunteer Headquarters, by kind permission of Lieut. Colonel L. G. Bird.

Contests for lightweights, welterweights, middleweights and "crumies" are down on the programme and the organisers promise a capital evening's entertainment as the Force comprises a number of more than capable fistic exponents.

Booking is now open at Moutrie's.

According to a *Reuter* cable from Budapest Mr. John Balfour, Secretary to the British Legation, will shortly take up the Secretaryship to the British Embassy at Washington. It is understood Mr. J. S. Birch, First Secretary to the British Embassy at Tokyo, succeeds Mr. Balfour.

MR. CHAN KANG-YU.

LEADING CHINESE RESIDENT DEAD.

The death has occurred of one of the Colony's best-known Chinese residents, Mr. Chan Kang-yu, who died at 3 p.m. yesterday, at his local residence, No. 10, Glenelg.

Mr. Chan was for many years the proprietor of Messrs. Douglas Lapinik & Co., who control the Douglas boats. He is believed to have succeeded his father in that capacity. Mr. Chan's father was one of the Chinese pioneers in Hongkong, a number of romantic anecdotes are still recalled about him.

Prominently identified with Chinese public affairs in the Colony, Mr. Chan has served on most of the boards appointed for the benefit of Chinese. He was at the time of his death, a member of the Tung Wah Hospital Advisory Board.

Mr. Chan devoted a great deal of his time and money to charity and was the chief organiser of the Grand Charity Bazaar which raised an enormous sum for the relief of sufferers in the Kwunlung floods at the beginning of the last decade, although his native district, Heung-shun, was hardly affected.

He is a brother of Mr. Chan Chik-yu who was Canton Civil Governor in the last Chan Kwing-ming regime while his nephews, Messrs. Chan Wing-shin and Chan Wing-on, were best known as Director of the Arsenal and Heung-shan Civil Magistrate, respectively.

It is stated that his funeral will take place from his residence at 3 p.m. to-day when it is expected that representatives of nearly every local Chinese communal body will be present.

MR. JOHN FOWLER.

New York, December 31.

The *New York Times*, in an obituary notice of Mr. John Fowler, a member of the United States diplomatic corps in China for many years, who died on December 29 as the result of a fall at Winchester, Mass., recalls his distinguished services in China during the Boxer uprising.

During his service as Consul at Chefoo, Mr. Fowler, at his own expense, chartered and operated two steamers, which rescued from the interior of Shantung several hundred foreigners whose lives had been imperilled by the Boxer uprising. President McKinley included praise of Mr. Fowler for this act in his message to Congress in 1900.

In addition, the foreign community of Chefoo presented him with a silver punch bowl for the assistance rendered to them.

He was decorated by the Emperors of both Japan and China and received the thanks of the Russian, Japanese, Chinese, British and Canadian Governments for the aid which he had given to the citizens of those countries during the years of his Consulship in Chefoo. Mr. Fowler was appointed United States Consul at Ningpo in 1890, where he remained until 1896, when he took up the position of Consul at Chefoo, which he held until 1913.

At the time of his death Mr. Fowler was 65 years of age and for the last few years had been almost blind. His hearing failed him during his service in China as the result of severe strain during the trial of an American marine charged with murdering a Chinese girl in Shantung.—*Reuter's American Service.*

RAJAH OF RAJAHPORE.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL PERFORMANCE.

The final performance of the Rajah of Rajahpore was given, to a fairly well filled and very enthusiastic house, at the Star Theatre on Saturday night.

The story of the losing and finding of the ruby of Rajahpore is already well known. The cast was the same as for the other performances. The leading part was played by Miss Doris Panchoon. Mr. Smith, as Harry, acquitted himself with great credit.

Miss Ogilvie seemed to throw herself into the part of Electra, Goddess of Light, her acting and singing being of a high order. Her elocution was fine, and every word was heard distinctly throughout the hall. The little fairies looked very pretty and their dance won well merited applause.

The best item of the show, however, was the dances in act three, when the Rajah wanted something to pass away the time till six. Miss Hyde in her "sword dance" could not have been better. She was loudly applauded, with repeated cries of "encore" from all over the house. Mr. Wilson with his fine piping largely contributed to the success of the dance. The ermine dance was also very pretty, although the dancers seemed rather cramped for space.

Great credit is due to the orchestra which was distinctly well handled by Mr. Lawrence. The scenery was again supplied by Messrs. G. and A. Dubon and was all that could be desired. "We trust that we shall have the pleasure of seeing some more performances by the Rajahpore Dramatic Club in the near future."

STRUCK OUT.

POLICE SERGEANT'S CLAIM.

PLAINTIFFS WHO DIDN'T APPEAR.

Through the non-appearance of the plaintiffs, Police Sergeant F. T. James and his wife, an action for damages called on at the Summary Court to-day before Mr. Justice Gompertz was struck out.

The defendants were the Moon Garage, of 405 Queen's Road West, and the claim, for \$677, arose out of a collision which occurred on September 14 last year between a car owned by the Garage and the Sergeant's motor cycle and side car.

Of the sum claimed \$157 related to damage to the motor cycle and side-car, and \$20 represented doctor's fees. The balance of \$500 was claimed as compensation for shock and general damage sustained by Mrs. James.

The statement of claim attributed the accident to the negligent driving of motor car No. 623 by Kam Yiu-fook. It set out that on September 14 Sergeant James was riding his motor cycle and side-car from Stanley towards Repulse Bay at from 4 to 5 miles an hour. Mrs. James was in the side-car. As the Sergeant entered a part of the highway where a fall of earth had reduced it to a width of about six feet the defendants' car approached from the opposite direction at a speed of 25 miles an hour on the wrong side of the road and without sounding any warning signal. Sergeant James accelerated his speed and, sliding over the fall of earth, did all that was possible to avoid being hit by the motor car. In spite of his endeavours, however, the motor car struck the side car and forced his machine into the fall of earth.

As a result of the collision Mrs. James sustained bruises on her forehead, slight concussion of the brain and a general shock to the system from which she has not yet, it is stated, fully recovered.

When the case came on for hearing this morning, the plaintiffs' names were called three times, by His Honour's direction, but they did not appear.

Mr. F. G. Vaux, the defendant's solicitor, said that the case was fixed for to-day on January 18.

His Honour: Well I can't go on sitting here all day. Struck out. On cause being shown I will reinstate it.

Mr. Vaux mentioned that he had endeavoured to communicate with the other side but the telephone was out of order.

ISLAND JOTTINGS.

CHEUNG CHAU NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Sergeant Dorrington who has just completed a year of service here expects to be transferred shortly to Hongkong. It is not known who will succeed him.

Dr. McBurney who was among the first of the early foreign settlers, will soon, I understand, reside in her cottage and practice her profession. Although the island is a healthy spot, accidents happen occasionally at which times medical aid is welcome.

The recent gale tested the strength of the unfinished walls of the new Assembly Hall and the north wall collapsed. It will be rebuilt in a stronger manner.

Several quite large buildings have recently been completed in the village. Shops are back at normal again after the excitement of the New Year celebrations and the "massed formation" of the shipping junks has been broken up.

Quite a number of visitors were on the island during the holidays and the launch on many occasions was packed to its utmost. We are looking forward to the time when the new and larger launch will be on the run. When ready I understand it will make the trip in about three quarters of an hour and will have an enclosed deck cabin for use in wet or stormy weather.

THE CORONET.

"THE GIRL I LOVED."

A story within a story constitutes the originally conceived theme of Charles Ray, in "The Girl I Loved," now showing at the Coronet. The scene is laid in India in the middle '30s, and is a rural drama of much intensity.

In this picture, Ray is called upon for some acting of a much more strenuous character, than he has ever done before, and comes through the test with flying colours. Indeed, he infused into his side of the pictured romance of John Middleton, and Mary a touch of genius that will surprise his most ardent admirers. More welcome news is of the return of Doug Fairbanks in "The Mark of Zorro," the picture that was probably the biggest hit of 1923 here.

RECENT INTERPORT.

"CLEVER HONGKONG PLAYERS"

SHANGHAI COMMENT.

Under the heading "Clever Hongkong Players" "Has Been" writes in the *N.C.D. News* about the recent interport contest: Hongkong impressed one as being an exceedingly well-balanced side, with no player greatly overshadowing any of his team-mates. Then Wemyss, no better goalie reasonably could be desired; the backs are an even, sound, reliable pair who cannot, or will not, but certainly do not, get ruffled or excited. Conjunctly and individually, they would be difficult to excel in the Far East. The Hongkong halves have left in Shanghai the impression—an impression based on fact—of a trio who constitute an ideal middle line, whose midfield play, both in attack and defence, was one of the most entertaining features of the series. It is difficult to award the palm to any of the three, for while Lellott probably gave the best exhibition of head-work and trickiness, Stewart was the pick both as a despoiler and a thruster, and McKelvie carried the honour for opportunism and accurate placing. The forwards, all were good, with perhaps Nash, Begg and Eaton, in the order named, a little ahead of the others as regards the general standard and effectiveness of their play. The left-wing play of Nash and Begg in the opening match will not easily be forgotten, either by the Shanghai defence or by those who were fortunate to witness the match.

The Return Game. "Observer" writes in the *N.C.D. News*—

As we predicted, Shanghai defeated Hongkong in the return match by a narrow margin. It is often difficult to refrain from being guilty of the crime of saying "I told you so." In the match now under review Shanghai was as much superior to Hongkong as the opposite was the case in the first match.

The conditions could hardly have been worse and yet some very good football was seen. It took some time for the players to understand the vagaries of the ball which skidded on pitching and then pulled up short. In spite of this there were remarkably few mistakes. The Hongkong team was weakened by the absence of their outside-right, one of their best forwards, whereas Shanghai was without their Captain, Quayle. It is doubtful if Quayle would have strengthened the side as he would have found it extremely difficult to get about, with his weight, on the slippery ground.

The Hongkong defence was admirable, the left back being the complete master of the Shanghai right wing, Nash at inside left was the best forward for the visitors, although a trifle selfish, and he was well supported by Johnston.

Much praise must be given to the Shanghai defence which was splendid. Turner made no mistake, and Wilson was nearly as good. The half back line, much improved by the inclusion of Knight, played the game of their lives, Phillips taking the eye frequently. The Shanghai forwards consisted of Goldman and Coulcher and Goldman! The rest were innocuous. Madar did one or two useful things (when he was not offside, which was generally). His offences must have run into double figures and materially assisted the Hongkong defence.

Johannsen was more or less of a passenger, as in the first match. One cannot see the sense of playing a forward on Saturday who was crooked on the previous Tuesday, and on a greasy ground.

Witschi at outside left had a good deal to do in the first half but was quite unable to do it successfully, nothing to justify his selection. Of Goldman and Coulcher we cannot speak too highly. They played some high class football under hopeless conditions and it was entirely due to their efforts that the Shanghai front line was more dangerous than that of the visitors. They worked like Trojans and were unselfish and forceful. Mr. Clifford's refereeing was again admirable.

These two interport matches have evoked great interest and both were well worth seeing.

Calcutta, February 16.—The Bangalore, Coplinth Saha, has been sentenced to death for the murder of Mr. Day.—*Reuter.* A telegram dated Peshawar 13, stated that news had been received that the frontier murder gang had surrendered to the Afghan Government.

Tokyo, February 17th.—More than 10,000 people who are opposed to the Government held a mass meeting and passed a resolution demanding the immediate resignation of the Kiyoyu Ministry. They then paraded the streets and demonstrated before the Peers' Club. The police reserves were called out, but the demonstrators were orderly.—*Reuter.*

HEROIC RESCUE.

YACHT CLUB FOKIS BRAVERY.

DIVE UNDER CAPSIZED BOAT.

Royal Hongkong Yacht Club's *Fokis* effected the heroic rescue—under difficult circumstances—of a woman and three children who were in danger of drowning on Saturday.

Li Man, the Club's caretaker, also described as club master, was standing on "Royals" verandah when he saw a small boat capsized about a hundred yards from the shore. Mustering the *Fokis* available, he had three rowing boats put out with all speed. They picked up the woman who managed to convey to them that three children were in the overturned cabin, then under water. Two volunteers immediately dived under the boat and extricated the children. All four were rushed back to the clubhouse where first-aid was administered. They were then taken to the Bay View police station; it was decided to send one of the children—a girl of two to the Civil Hospital, where she died this morning.

KOWLOON GOLF.

U.S.R.C. v. K.C.C.

In their return match against the United Services Recreation Club, the previous one having ended in a tie, the Kowloon Cricket Club's golf section were badly beaten at King's Park Sunday by the United Services Recreation Club. The U.S.R.C. won 11 of the 16 singles games played in the morning and seven of the eight foursomes played in the afternoon. The results were:—

SINGLES.
J. C. Fletcher.....1 R. E. Lindsell 0
H. Overy.....0 Lt.-Com. Drayson.....1
K. A. Mason.....0 Lt. E. Crockett 1
A. W. Brown.....0 Major Milner-Jones.....1

S. E. Green.....1 J. Hooper.....0
F. Wheeler.....0 J. W. Franks.....1
H. W. Page.....1 Maj. Johnstone 0
T. Monaghan.....0 Maj. Okes.....1
S. Jordain.....0 Captain Chippendall.....1

D. S. Greep.....0 Capt. Newton King.....1
W. Edwards.....0 Capt. Meredith 1
P. Heathcote.....1 Capt. Faussett 0
J. A. Howe.....0 W. S. Brown.....1
H. E. Stevens.....0 Dr. W. B. A. Moore.....1

J. Cornley.....1 Capt. McHewitt.....0
J. Smith.....0 Dr. Smalley.....1

FOURSOMES.

Fletcher and Lindsell and Overy.....0 Franks.....1
Mason and Chippendall and Wheeler.....1 Hooper.....0
S. E. Green and Drayson and Monaghan.....0 Crockett.....1
Page and Stevens.....0 Jones.....1
Smith and Johnstone and Heathcote.....0 Newton King.....1
Edwards and Meredith and D. Green.....0 Faussett.....1

Brown and W. Brown and Jordain.....0 Smalley.....1
Cornley and Moore and McHowe.....0 Hewitt.....1

Washington, February 16.—

The Senate Committee has approved the nominations of Mr. Roberts and Mr. Pomerene as Government counsel in the oil lease case. The House of Representatives has adopted the Senate resolution as regards the Naval oil reserves. The Senate, after a six hour debate, confirmed the appointment of Mr. Pomerene. Action with regard to Mr. Roberts has been deferred till Monday, when approval is anticipated.—*Reuter's American Service.*

STOP PRESS.

SOCIAL EVIL.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, February 18. Following the report on venereal diseases by the commission of local doctors, the Government announced to-day the introduction of a Bill, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, for the registration of brothels and the licensing of prostitutes. Doctors must, under penalty, notify infection.

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BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo. ANDES MARU (Calls at Penang)Wednesday, 20th Feb.

RYUJIN MARUSaturday, 23rd Feb.

ARGON MARUSunday, 2nd March.

SAIGON, HANOI & SINGAPORE. BUSHU MARUMonday, 3rd March.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Colombo. GANGES MARUWednesday, 13th March.

VICTORIA, SHANTUNG, YAMAGUCHI & YANAGAWA—Via Shanghai and Japan Ports. ARIZONA MARUMonday, 18th Feb.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama. ALASKA MARUBeginning of March.

LONDON MARUSunday, 24th Feb.

KEELING, SWATOW & AMOY.

TA AO & SWATOW & AMOY. KOTSU MARUThursday, 28th Feb. 10 a.m.

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COMMERCIAL NOTES.**NAM PAK HONG QUOTATIONS.**

This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations for "spot" goods basis usual guild terms, were as follows:—

Java Sugar, average quality, per picul net—No. 21 rough white \$16.00; No. 24 fine white \$16.80; No. 18 rough brown \$15.20; Java Brown \$15.20. Although the general tone of the local sugar market has weakened slightly during the week-end, speculations, in whose hands are a fair amount of "spot" and "future" cargoes, have moved up their prices in ratio to the improved prospect of a better turnover.

Rice, average quality, per picul gross for net—Siam No. 1 (superior) long white; old crop, \$9.00; new crop \$8.45; Saigon No. 1 long white \$7.65.

Flour, per sack of 50 lbs.—Dartmouth \$2.76; Banana \$2.73; Kwan Tao \$2.81; Reindeer \$2.84; C. & C. \$2.85; Big Gun \$2.90; White Greens \$2.80; Nutmeg Orange \$2.78; Maize \$2.84.

COTTON-MARKET REPORT.—Reporting under date January 16, Messrs. Morreau and Spiegelberg, Manchester, stated:—

Cotton.—After opening a shade easier futures displayed a steadier tendency and this should help negotiations in progress. Spot buying has only been small at slightly reduced rates.

Liverpool Prices.

American F.M.

Spot. Jan. Feb. Mch.

Yester- day .19.5 19.38 19.38 19.45

9th Jan., 1924 .20.20 20.17 20.17 20.23

Egyptian Sakellariadis F.G.F.

Spot. Jan. Feb. Mch.

Yester- day .22.35 21.97 22.03 22.10

9th Jan., 1924 .23.45 22.87 22.95 23.05

Yarns.—Only a small volume of business has been done owing to the extremely low offers made.

Cloth.—The tone is generally stronger, though many complaints are made by manufacturers of the paucity of offers and the low limits at which buyers seek to secure requirements.

Buying of various styles for India continue spasmodically. Calcutta is reported to be buying, and Bombay is also interested.

The Straits and Java are quiet, but sales are reported in split printers and a few greys.

China is attempting to place orders but only minor transactions occur. Mail advices are, however, favourable.

Continental, home and Western markets are reported quiet generally. The fall in Continental exchanges and the very uncertain political outlook are very disturbing factors and account for the general lack of confidence in all quarters.

CHINESE LESS HONEST.

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE ALARMED.

Shanghai, February 15.

The Conference of British Chambers passed the following:

"That this Conference views with grave apprehension the decline in Chinese commercial morality as evidenced by the recurring instances in which Chinese merchants have latterly disregarded their contractual obligations, more especially as had been demonstrated by the wholesale repudiation of forward contracts by cotton dealers at Tientsin during the past three months.

The Conference also passed a resolution to the effect that, in view of the disregard of the treaties and many outrages last year, the Conference hopes that the granting of a two and a half per cent. Customs surtax will be made conditional on such reforms

as will, additionally to preparing for the abolition of Ikhin, insure adequate protection of foreign life and property and treaty rights.

The Conference also passed a resolution inviting the attention of the British Government to the importance of securing the reaffirmation and maintenance of old-established treaty rights and usages for the security of trade.

The resolution goes on to state that China be called on to put into immediate effect Article III. of the Commercial Treaty of 1902, whereby duties and likin combined be levied on junk-borne cargo between Hongkong and Kwangtung and treaty ports shall not be less than the duties levied by the Maritime Customs on similar goods carried by steamer.

Failing compliance with this request, that the duties levied by the Maritime Customs be reduced to the level of those levied on junk-borne cargo.

The Conference passed a further resolution earnestly requesting His Majesty's Minister to use every possible endeavour to ensure that the rights and property of British subjects will not be jeopardised by the recognition or acceptance of the Trade Mark Law by His Majesty's Government without such modification as will provide adequate foreign representation in the Trade Marks Bureau and on every tribunal which may be called to give any decision affecting foreign interests in connection with trade marks.—Courtesy of the "Daily Bulletin."

COAL OUTPUT.—The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending February 2, amounted to 20,772 tons and the sales during the period to 91,529 tons.

CABLE ITEMS.—(Through Reuters' Service.) Warsaw, February 16.—The Diet Foreign Affairs Commission unanimously ratified the Polish-Japanese Trade Navigation Treaty.

London, February 16.—The "Times" City Editor says that Amsterdam appears to be making a bid for international monetary fame. The formation of a second credit institution in Holland, in which Swedish, Dutch, British and German banking interests are concerned, is the second development within the past month. It is understood a third combination is contemplated.

London, February 17.—It is stated that the Postmaster-General has definitely decided that an early return to penny postage is impossible, as it is anticipated that no Post Office surplus will be available for it.

COMPANY REPORTS.—ORIENTAL COTTON SPINNING AND WEAVING CO.

In the course of his address at the seventh annual meeting of the above Company, held at Shanghai on the 9th inst., Mr. H. E. Arnold said:—

The cotton situation out there has been aggravated by the great extent to which local staples are being embargoed, which occurs regularly whenever cotton values are high. The unfortunate state of affairs, both politically and with regard to the cotton situation, still continues. Trade languishes owing to the absence of a Central Government capable of exercising effective control over the Provinces.

With the price of cotton at a level which brings the cost of the manufactured yarn to about Tls. 20 per bale above market price for the spun yarn, mills cannot take the risk of covering their expenditures far ahead. Many Chinese mills

have already closed down, and it is probable that most mills will have to go on half time after the China New Year.

The outlook cannot, therefore, be considered encouraging, but China is a country of surprises. The statistical position is strong, and if the various political parties can come together, with the result that fighting does not re-occur, and that a real effort is made to suppress banditry, a revival of trade would set in which would enable the mills to operate satisfactorily, provided they would be in a position to obtain sufficient cotton.

Turning to the accounts, you will notice that had it not been for the heavy charge of interest, there would have been no loss on the year's working. At the last annual meeting, I emphasised particularly that the company was under-capitalized, and I recommended an increase of capital. Unfortunately, owing to the difference of opinion amongst the shareholders, this increase of capital did not become available to the Company until the second half of the year, and but for this, the amount shown for interest would have been very much lower.

At the end of the year we held stocks of 2,022 bales of yarn and 9,221 bales of cloth which we could have sold at the time at prices which would have wiped out the loss, but in view of the position of trade and the higher prices anticipated after China New Year, your General Managers decided to carry the stocks into the new year, rather than sell them into the old year and wipe out the loss.

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To pay the preference share dividend of 8 per cent..... 120,000.00

To carry forward balance..... 59,500.49

Total..... 232,000.49

The above result, although showing substantial reductions as compared with the year 1922, is, in the opinion of your board, gratifying and encouraging. The great depression in the engineering and shipbuilding trade, to which I referred when addressing you last year has not only continued but become more pronounced and has resulted so far as our company is concerned, in a reduced amount of construction work and so far as this side of our business is concerned I am afraid I cannot forecast any hopes of material improvement until we see a revival of trade in this part of the world.

Notwithstanding this unfortunate loss of work, I am glad to lay before you a balance sheet showing sufficient profit not only to pay our preference dividend but also to pay a small dividend of 5 per cent. on the ordinary share capital of the company. Every effort is being made to effect economies in working to meet the strong competition we now have to face. I am pleased to inform you that during the past year very considerable reductions have been made in the heavy overhead charges which a large organization, such as ours, is compelled to carry.

DIVIDEND ANNOUNCEMENT.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts are in receipt of advice from their Shanghai Office to the effect that The Shanghai Loan and Investment Co. Ltd. has declared a dividend of Tls. 0.50 for last year. The profit amounted to Tls. 185,698.

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S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"BOUDAN"	6,006	30th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"MOREA"	10,911	23rd Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"KALPORA"	6,573	27th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"KIDDERPORE"	6,334	11th Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"NADARA"	15,973	22nd Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"PADUA"	6,507	23rd Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"SICILIA"	6,813	27th Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"KEYBERT"	8,414	31st Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"RELFLORE"	6,853	4th Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"CHINA"	7,552	18th Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
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S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"EASTERN"	4,000	28th Feb.	Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne
"ARAFURA"	6,000	2nd Apr.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	26th Apr.	do.

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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"KALPORA"	6,573	27th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"KIDDERPORE"	6,334	11th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"NADARA"	15,973	22nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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YACHTING. CHAMPIONSHIP CLOSURES.

In weather which was wet with a light wind and generally miserable, the final races in the yachting championship were sailed on Saturday. A good deal of interest attached to the event as several of the boats, particularly in the Heyward Hayes class, were very close together in the matter of points gained during the season. The course was one of nine miles by way of Quarry Bay, Kowloon-Rock, Lyemun Beacon, and Cust Rock Buoy, with the start and finish at the Yacht Club.

Details:
Finishing Corrected. Time. Position. Points for season.

Gael	5 13 19	5 12 34	3 19
Pierrette	5 21 5	5 23 3	4 22
Viking	5 25 9	5 23 38	4 22
Joan	5 55 46	5 51 1	5 57
HEYWARD-HAYES CLASS.			
Gladys	5 43 9	5 54 4	1 64
Sealark	5 52 5	5 58 4	2 82
Boojum	5 58 12	6 00 7	2 68
Winifred	5 11 8	5 11 35	7 62
Adanac	5 42 5	5 61 8	5 77
Ursula	5 13 3	5 39 9	3 80
Belinda	5 15 57	6 11 34	6 29
ONE DESIGN CLASS.			
Bonito	5 12 20	5 12 20	3 16
Alisa	5 23 0	5 23 0	2 39
Hailgion	5 23 0	5 23 0	1 27
HANDICAP CLASS.			
Diana	4 52 44	4 50 22	4 54
Rolla	4 48 37	4 53 27	2 61
La Linda	4 50 28	4 50 19	1 48
Argulla II	5 22 52	5 33 7	3 7

THE CRUISERS.
The last championship race for cruisers was sailed yesterday but the conditions were, to say the least of it, depressing. The course was 10 miles by way of a line between the North and South Fairway buoys and thence by Discovery Bay, Datum Rock, Ching Hue and Datum Rock with the finish between the Fairway buoys West to East.

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La Cigale	6 0 50	6 0 50	1
Azuma	7 12 28	7 4 30	5
U and I	6 45 55	6 20 35	2
Irene	7 11 27	6 42 57	4
Norseman	7 8 5	6 26 55	3
Feathers	D.N.F.		
Alleen	D.N.F.		

THE STAR.

"THE FAITH HEALER."

A film described as a second "Miracle Man" is "The Faith Healer" with Milton Sills, which is on to-day only at the Star. Amongst professional cinema people, Sills is considered one of the best actors of the day, and this picture is a worthy vehicle for the display of his talent. To-morrow Kowloonites will have the opportunity to view Griffith's "One Exciting Night," the film which so intrigued the critics when first shown. The Griffiths touch is there, but the style is entirely different to anything has done before. "One Exciting Night" deals with a deep mystery, and is worked out in splendid fashion, so that it retains the interest right up to the last big scene, without which, apparently, no Griffith film can be complete.

Cairo, February 16.—It is officially announced that the Egyptian Government will take energetic steps to fulfill its obligations towards science and the public in connection with Tutankhamen's tomb.—Reuter.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

EXPECTED DEPARTURES.

SWATOW.

Feb. 19.—C. N.	Kwangso.
19.—C. N.	Chinhua.
19.—D. L.	Haksoo.
20.—I.O.S.N.	Yusung.
20.—I.O.S.N.	Chinhua.
20.—C. N.	Kanchow.
20.—O.S.K.	Kotau Maru.
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19.—E. L.	City of Canterbury.
19.—I.O.S.N.	Washing.
19.—N.Y.K.	Awa Maru.
19.—C. N.	Sunning.
19.—C. N.	Kanchow.
19.—A.O.L.	Pres. Jefferson.
19.—I.O.S.N.	Boeing.
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19.—P. M.	Pres. Cleveland.
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19.—P. & O.	Leopold.
19.—L. T.	Gerty.
19.—L. T.	Venezia.
19.—J.O.J.L.	Tikembang.
19.—P. & O.	China.
19.—P. & O.	Nellora.
19.—P. & O.	Leopold.
19.—P. & O.	Sicilia.
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TAKAO.

Feb. 20.—O.S.K.	Kotau Maru.
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TIENTSIN.

Feb. 19.—C. N.	Chinhua.
19.—I.O.S.N.	Cheongshing.
19.—I.O.S.N.	Chipsing.

TINGTAO.

Feb. 20.—I.O.S.N.	Yusung.
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WEIHAIWEI.

Feb. 19.—C. N.	Chinhua.
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CHEFOO.

Feb. 19.—C. N.	Chinhua.
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HAIPHONG.

Feb. 19.—I.O.S.N.	Mingsoo.
19.—C. N.	Yunnan.

HOIHOW.

Feb. 24.—I.O.S.N.	Mingsoo.
24.—C. N.	Choon.

BANGKOK.

Feb. 19.—C. N.	Chinhua.
19.—I.O.S.N.	Chinhua.
19.—J.O.J.L.	Sawal Lento.
19.—C. N.	Choon.
19.—C. N.	Kwangchow.
19.—E. A.	Banks.
19.—E. A.	Sintang.

SAIGON.

Mar. 6.—U.S.S.B.	West Ivan.
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SINGAPORE.

Feb. 23.—P. & O.	Morea.
23.—D. L.	Pres. Hayes.
23.—U.S.S.B.	West Ivan.
23.—P. & O.	Karmala.
23.—P. & O.	Van Cloon.
23.—P. & O.	Chihli.
23.—D. L.	Garfield.
23.—D. L.	Sarpodon.

MANILA.

Feb. 20.—C. N.	Taming.
20.—C. N.	Fuentsang.
20.—A. O. L.	Pres. Grant.
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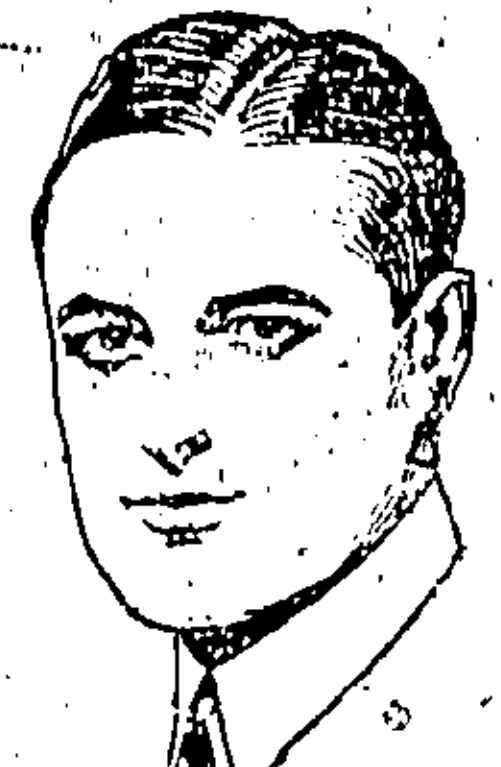
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INTERPORT BILLIARDS.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

During the course of a dance at the Club last night on Saturday evening Madame de Albuquerque e. Castro (wife of the Portuguese Consul-General in Hongkong) distributed the prizes to the local Interport billiards team which last week defeated Shanghai by 2,785 points to 2,724. The victorious contestants were Messrs. A. J. Osmond (captain), F. M. Ozorio, E. A. Yvanovich, E. Guimaraes, E. D. da Roza and R. F. Luz, the last named making the biggest break (79) of the match. The shield to the winning team was the gift of the Portuguese firms in Hongkong; Mr. C. A. da Roza presented a medal to each player; Mr. A. F. B. Silva-Netto gave a cup for the highest break, whilst a cup for the best average was donated by Mr. X. A. Lopes.

NORTH POLE TRIP OFF.

"FLASH OUT OF A CLEAR SKY."

NEW YORK, February 16.

Newspapers register the Navy Department's astonishment and disappointment over Mr. Coolidge's order cancelling the Polar flight of the *Shenandoah*, which is described as coming like a flash out of a clear sky. Efforts will be begun immediately to secure the approval of Congress to the flight, but it is admitted that it now is probably too late. It is declared that if no Congressional action be taken within ten days, it will be impossible to attempt the expedition this year. An advance party which is already on its way to Alaska to carry out preliminary work in connection with the flight, has been halted at Bremerton Navy Yard in Washington State, and all other preliminary activities stopped. *Reuter's American Service.*

SOCCER IN MUD.

LAST SATURDAY'S GAMES.

INTERPORT TEAM V. THE REST.

Despite the inclement weather on Saturday, a large crowd turned out at the Club ground to welcome back the Interport team from Shanghai and to see them play an exhibition game with an eleven designated the rest. The Hankow and Hongkong F.A. flags were flown at the Club's mast.

The teams took the field as follows:—
Interport Team.—Wheeler; Wynne and Bishop; McKelvie; J. Stewart and Lelliott; Charlesworth, Eaton, Johnson, Nash and Begg.

The Rest.—Lau Hing-cheung; Humberstone and Knight; Howarth, Mair and Leung Yuk-tong; Mason, Forsyth, Howard, Li Wai-tong and Chan Kwong-ii. Referee: Mr. Smith.

Wavish and Castledine were absent. Early in the first half, Li, on the left wing, took the ball down the field and centred to Howard who found the Interport citadel with a high shot from close range, giving Wheeler no chance to save.

Retaliating, the interporters rose to the occasion and for some minutes bombarded the Rest's goal till Johnson equalised by returning a rebound into the net.

Play was fast after this, the ball travelling up and down but more often in the Rest's territory. A number of corners gave the interporters no advantage and quite a number of players tested Lau in goal but he was safe.

Following the breather at which the scores stood one all, play of an exciting nature prevailed for some time till Mair handled outside the danger zone but Begg was given offside from the free-kick. Eaton subsequently dashed through the Rest defence but was beaten by Mair.

McKelvie got possession and kicked high but Eaton got his foot to the ball and turned it into a corner of the net giving the interporters the lead. Play continued fast till the final whistle, the interport team winning an excellent game by two goals to one.

Lau in goal was brilliant and the other three Chinese played up to their reputation. Howard and Eaton showed up most prominently in the winning forward line and Stewart proved again that he is the best centre-half we have. Both sets of backs were quite good.

Junior Shield.
"Marazion" 1: South China "B" 0. By a goal to nil, the "Marazion" team defeated the potential favourites for the Junior Shield competition. Pibworth scored for the winners in the first half.

League—Division II.
"Titania" Res. 2: St. Joseph's 1. With the scores one all at half time the depot ship's second string used their weight to good purpose and beat the Collegians on their own ground by 2-1.

"IROQUOIS" 2: H.K.F.C. RES 1. Penfold put the naval team one up in this match on the Club ground and Broomfield made it 2-1 but Lawrence notched one for the Club Reserves at the end.

HOME FOOTBALL.
LONDON TEAMS WITHOUT A WIN
— London, February 16.
FIRST LEAGUE.
Arsenal..... 0 Aston Villa... 1
Birmingham... 2 Middlesboro... 1
Blackburn Res. 1 Sheffield U... 1
Bolton W... 4 Notts. F... 0
Everton..... 2 Chelsea..... 0
Huddersfield T. 1 West Ham U. 1
Manchester C. 2 Burnley..... 2
Notts. C... 1 Newcastle U. 0
Sunderland... 0 Liverpool... 1
Tottenham H. 1 Cardiff... 1
W. Brom. A... 1 Preston N. E. 2

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.
Hibernians... 2 Dundee... 0
Morton... 2 Falkirk... 0
Raith R... 1 Aberdeen... 1
St. Mirren... 4 Motherwell... 0
Third Lanark... 0 Clyde... 0
Ayr U... 1 Partick T... 1
Celtic... 1 Queen's Park... 0
Clydebank... 0 Airdrie... 1
Hamilton A... 1 Hearts... 3
The match Rangers v. Kilmarnock was postponed.—*Reuter.*

"SOMEBAT ACID."
"Fundamental is used as men use their friends—commend them when they have need of them, and when they fall out find a hundred objections to them."

"The world deals with Ministers as they do with fiddlers, ready to kick them downstairs for playing ill, though few of the fault-finders understand their music enough to be good judges."

"It is dangerous to serve where the master hath the privilege not to be blamed."

"When the people contend for their liberty they seldom get anything by their victory but now and then."

"The body of the people are generally either so dead that they cannot move or so mad that they cannot be reclaimed. To be neither all in a flame nor quite cold requires more reason than great numbers can ever attain."

"As mankind is made, the keeping it in order is an ill-natured office. It is like a great galley, where the officers must be whipping without intermission."

"A nation is a mass of dough; it is the Government that kneads it into form."

"Power is so apt to be insolent and Liberty to be saucy, that they rarely seldom upon good terms."

"The best party is but a kind of conspiracy against the rest of the nation."

"Ignorance maketh most men go into a party, and shame keepeth them from getting out of it."

"Thoughts and Reflections."

EARL OF HALIFAX, 1661-1716.

SCUTTLED STEAMER.

"MARY HORLOCK" INQUIRY.

FINDING OF THE COURT.

The full finding of the Court of Inquiry which investigated the abandoning and scuttling of the s.s. "Mary Horlock", announced on Saturday and briefly summarised in Saturday's China Mail, was as follows:—

We find that the British s.s. "Mary Horlock", official number 131,916 of Harwick, registered tonnage 32,249, of whom the Master was Robert Charles Hill, Extra Master 036,616, Sunderland, sailed from Tacoma on December 20, 1923, bound for Yokohama with a full cargo, including deck cargo, of timber.

The ship encountered persistent gales, and rough seas, and at 0.30 a.m. on January 26, during a strong gale, lurched heavily to Port, causing the cargo on the after deck to shift, damaging the after bulwarks and giving the vessel a heavy list to Port. The ship began to make water in No. 3 Hold, and continued to list to Port.

Pumps were immediately started and the attempt was made to jettison the cargo, when at 10 a.m., ship till making water and the list increasing dangerously, the Master decided to abandon the ship. The United States s.s. "President Taft" was communicated with by wireless telegraphy and arrived at 3 p.m. All inlets were opened to the sea with a view to hastening the sinking of the ship. At 6.30 p.m. on January 26 the s.s. "Mary Horlock" was abandoned in Lat. 32 deg. 00 feet N., Long. 159 deg. 46 feet E. The crew in the "Mary Horlock's" boat were transferred to the steamship "Mary Horlock", when last seen, had a list of 40 deg. to Port and was down by the stern.

That upon the evidence given we find the ship was well found, sufficiently manned and seaworthy at the time of her departure, that she was not overloaded; her cargo was well and properly stowed.

We find that the abandonment of the s.s. "Mary Horlock" was due to the shifting of her deck cargo, through stress of weather damaging the ship to such an extent to cause a leak and thereby a dangerously increasing list.

We consider that the Master was justified in abandoning the s.s. "Mary Horlock" and scuttling the vessel, and we commend Captain Hill and his crew for their seamanship in launching the boat and transferring the crew without accident, under such difficult conditions.

The Court desires to direct attention of the Board of Trade to the prompt arrival of the s.s. "President Taft", and to the volunteer boat crew who effected the final rescue which was made possible by the free use of oil.

The Court was composed of Lieut.-Com. Hake Harbour Master (President), Lieut.-Com. R. W. F. Henderson, Superintendent of the Chart-Depot, R.N. Dockyard; Capt. A. J. Hailey, Commander of the s.s. "Empress of Australia"; Capt. G. Byers, Master of s.s. "Chin Hui"; and Capt. S. O. Milford, Master of the s.s. "Sui Sang".

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SOCIAL EVIL.

SHANGHAI COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

LOCAL CONDITIONS.

The *China Medical Journal* for January, published at the close of last week contained an important supplement giving the report of the Shanghai Medical Society last year to consider and report on the question of the control and treatment of venereal diseases in Shanghai from a Public Health point of view. Their report is now offered, with suggestions, for the consideration of the Council of the Medical Society, and the Commissioner of Public Health.

The Committee included Dr. R. L. Marsh (Chairman), Dr. A. G. Brown, Dr. Lagrange and Dr. Lovett Cummings, and meetings were held on April 27, May 4, June 11 and July 13, 1923, at the General Hospital, Shanghai.

Two voluminous reports for reproduction the report, whose authors are highly to be complimented on their work, is recommended to the earnest attention of all who are endeavouring to combat the social evil in Shanghai.

No fewer than 17 pages are devoted to a historical summary of all that has been attempted in Shanghai to regulate prostitution and check the spread of disease, from 1869 onwards. In this connection large extracts are given from the reports of Dr. Henderson, Health Officer, in the late sixties, seventies and eighties; and it may surprise some readers to find how much labour and anxious thought has been expended in the past on this question.

Tables of statistics of venereal diseases are then given from the General Hospital, the Shanghai Road and St. Luke's, showing that 4,217 have been treated in the first since 1869, 83,351 since 1870 in the second and 105 during 1910 (the only year of which records are available). In the third, the records for the Shanghai Road Hospital are also incomplete, and in earlier days at the General Hospital many cases were undoubtedly not entered as venereal disease which should have been.

The Committee dwell on the high importance of every hospital keeping the fullest and most accurate records in this respect. Under the heading of population, the Committee gives an estimate of 2,000,000 (International Settlement, Chinese, French Concession and Native City) of whom roughly 35,000 are foreigners, including non-Chinese Asiatics, Japanese accounting for about 45 per cent. of these. The Committee puts the number of Russian refugees at 3,000 which appears to be an underestimate.

The total number of seamen daily in port is estimated at 6,300. The Committee particularly need the humanizing effect of being cared for while on shore. Unfortunately there is no proper Seamen's Institute in Shanghai for the social life of sailors. The Hanbury Institute, the Wayport Rooms, the Union Jack Club and the Navy Y.M.C.A. do excellent work so far as they go, but the "beachcomber element"—men who are hardly ever a day ahead of their wants—spoil the two former institutions for many mercantile seamen who might otherwise find them useful.

Something better is required for sailors in Shanghai. The institution at advantage to Shanghai of a well-founded Seamen's Institute would appear in this report and physical elevation of the inmates above the less desirable alterations of back streets. Similarly a Home or Lodging House for native seamen under voluntary or Municipal management is a desideratum. Moreover, the lot of the seaman, at any rate of British seamen, sick from venereal disease, is made more difficult than need be by those clauses of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, which provide that where a seaman is discharged and left behind at a foreign port suffering from venereal disease he loses his wages during such time as he is unfit for duty, and that his medical and hospital expenses can be deducted from such wages as are due to him.

Such provisions seem altogether unfair and form blot on a succession of Acts which were passed in order to improve the lot of those who serve before the mast. The afflicted seaman naturally does all he can to hide the contagion from the authority so hostile to his interests, and incidentally supplies a menace to shipping ports.

The report concludes with the following:—
RECOMMENDATIONS.
1. That in the interest of the Public Health the best public policy in Shanghai is not to foster any official system of supervision of prostitution.

2. That prostitution and venereal diseases should be deemed matters of official concern only in the interests of the Public Health, and in the preservation of orderliness and decency.

3. That the Municipal Council organize a Venereal Diseases Department under the Commissioner of Public Health.

4. That the Council require of hospitals receiving grants in aid accurate medical records catalogued on a uniform system, including statistics relating to venereal diseases.

5. That the Council should organize additional clinics for the treatment of venereal diseases among the poor where necessary.

6. That all clinics for venereal diseases should show a prominent sign or coloured light (the Service blue light); that all clinics should be available for sterilization treatment before and after ordinary working hours; that all clinics should keep a register detailing as accurately as possible particulars as to the source of infection in an infectee, occupation, length of residence in Shanghai, etc. Registers should be available for inspection by a medical official of the Health Department.

7. That action against any notorious source of infection should be the concern of the Commissioner of Public Health.

8. That the Commissioner of Health should be empowered to engage women sanitary inspectors if he considers them necessary to assist in this work.

9. That the Commissioner of Public Health should exhibit public notices about venereal diseases in each of the substations of the Department, which notices should notify free treatment, free Wassermann tests, and free facilities for sterilization.

10. That special hearings with public notices relating to venereal diseases and their free treatment should be placed in a prominent position on public landing stages along the river front.

11. That similar public notices should be placed in public markets, public latrines, and wherever advantageous.

12. That the Commissioner of Public Health should publish and circulate leaflets stating the official position in regard to venereal diseases in Shanghai; the incidence of disease in Shanghai according to hospital statistics; the risk of promiscuous sexual intercourse; the need for immediate sterilization; where public facilities for sterilization and treatment of the infected are provided; how the untreated or ineffective treatment perpetuate and spread the infections suffered by them.

13. That the advantage, if any, of the earlier closing of public bars and licensed places of entertainment in relation to the diffusion of venereal diseases be investigated by the Commissioner of Public Health.

14. That the Commissioner of Public Health should investigate and report on the facilities for proper lodging accommodation in institutions for foreign and native seamen in Shanghai.

15. That shipowners and masters of ships be notified of the necessity of giving facilities for the treatment of cases of venereal diseases among crews of vessels visiting the port.

16. That washerwomen and needlewomen should not be allowed to visit ships unless provided with special permits from the Missions to Seamen or other authorization.

17. That public advertisement of quick cures and remedies should be prohibited, and attempted treatment by unqualified persons should be a punishable offence.

FRENCH FINANCES.

EIGHTEEN DAYS' KEEN DEBATING.

PARIS, February 16.—After eighteen days of keen debating, the Government succeeded in forcing the passage through the Chamber of Deputies of two of the hundred and ten articles comprising the new financial charter.

The string of amendments to clause three which increases taxation, ranging from a complete reversal of the Government policy, like the flotation of a lottery loan and the institution of a capital levy, to minor modifications, were all defeated by varying majorities, many of which were close.

The members of the Left criticised the drastic taxation, while the Government was making loans to Eastern European States. M. Tardieu and his supporters contend that it is useless improving the franc abroad at the expense of domestic cost of living, but the most solid opposition was based on the power clause, which confers on the Government the power of issuing decrees enforcing administrative economies, without reference to Parliament.

With the object of making definite progress, M. Poincaré may send the clause to the Senate as a separate measure, as the Premier, while confident of the support of the Chamber of Deputies, is anxious to test the feelings of the Senate, which is more hostile to his domestic policy.

PARIS, February 16.—At the request of the Government, the Chamber of Deputies rejected, by 308 votes to 202, a proposal for the flotation of a lottery loan of ten milliards francs, free of interest.—*Reuter*.

CHINA'S UNREST.

BRITISH MINISTER'S ADVICE.

SHANGHAI, February 15.—The British Minister to Peking, Sir J. W. R. Macleay, K.C.M.G., who opened the new building of the *North-China Daily News*, in the course of a speech, said he feared that in recording or commenting upon the present unrest in China, we were too prone to forget that we ourselves in some measure were responsible. By the introduction of Western ideas and novel political theories, we sowed the seeds of the 1911 revolution, from the after-effect of which China is now suffering. It is not surprising that the country should take some time to evolve order from confusion and replace autocracy by a democratic form of Government. It is, therefore, necessary to maintain a nice sense of proportion, and admit the right of Chinese thinkers to opinions we do not necessarily share, and also give the recognised Government of China credit for its good intentions.—*Courtesy Daily Bulletin*.

PALATINATE.

SEPARATIST GOVERNMENT OVER.

BERLIN, February 16.—The Separatist Government in the Palatinate has actually ended. Ex-Government officials have been released from Separatist prisons and have resumed duty. A committee, appointed by the Inter-Allied High Commission, is negotiating with the German Authorities on the subject of a definite form of Government. The committee has promised to disarm the Separatists and to abolish all restrictions in traffic in the Palatinate.—*Reuter*.

PARIS, February 16.—The special Inter-Allied Commission in the Palatinate has signed an agreement with the Bavarian Local Authorities for the creation of a Provisional Government by the elected Provincial Council of the Palatinate.—*Reuter*.

SHANGHAI MEMORIAL.

IMPRESSIVE UNVEILING CEREMONY.

SHANGHAI, February 16.—An impressive ceremony was held this morning in the unveiling of an Allied War Memorial on the Bund, by the Consular Doyen, M. Rossi.

The memorial was dedicated by Bishop Paris, Dean Symons and the Rev. Rowland. The benediction was pronounced by Bishop Graves. Guards of Honour were provided by the Shanghai Volunteers, the French Volunteers and Naval Detachments.

The British warship "River" fired a salute.—*Reuter*.

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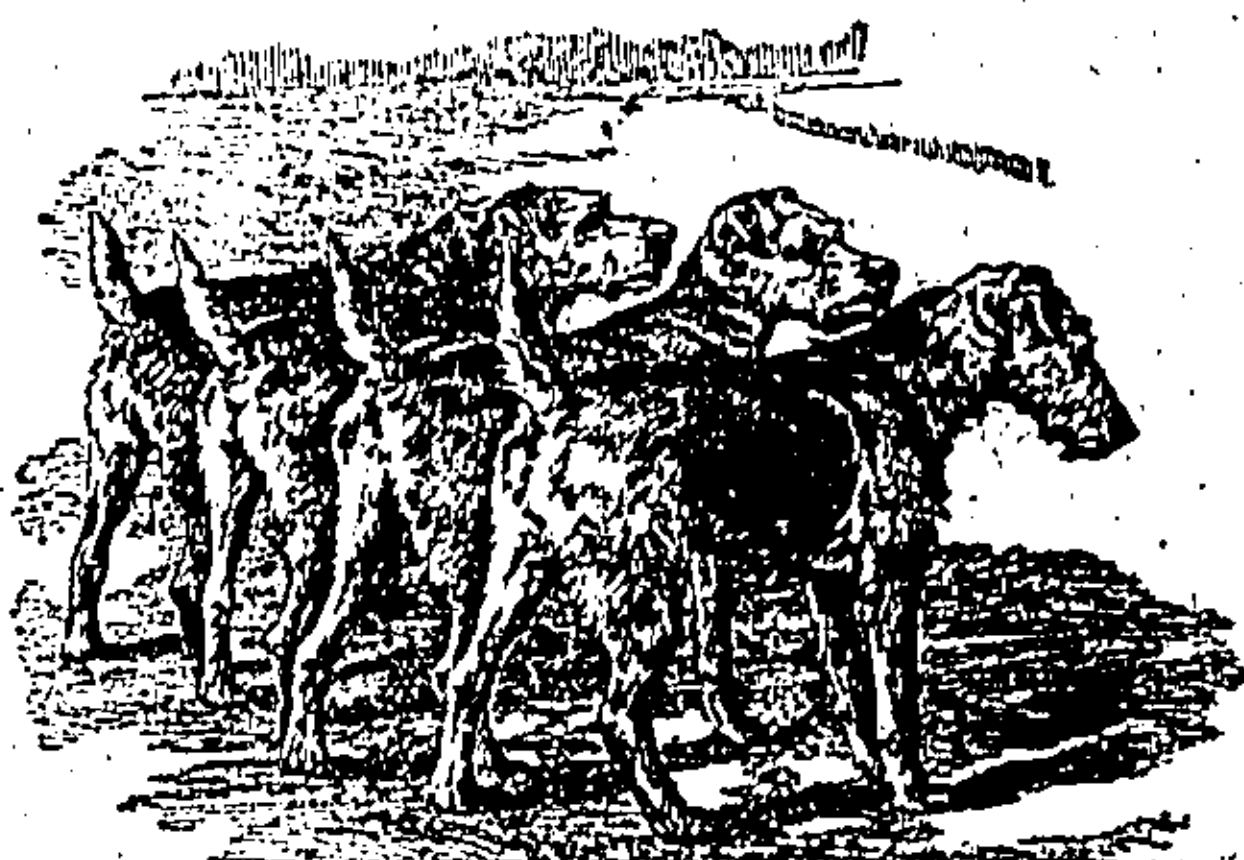
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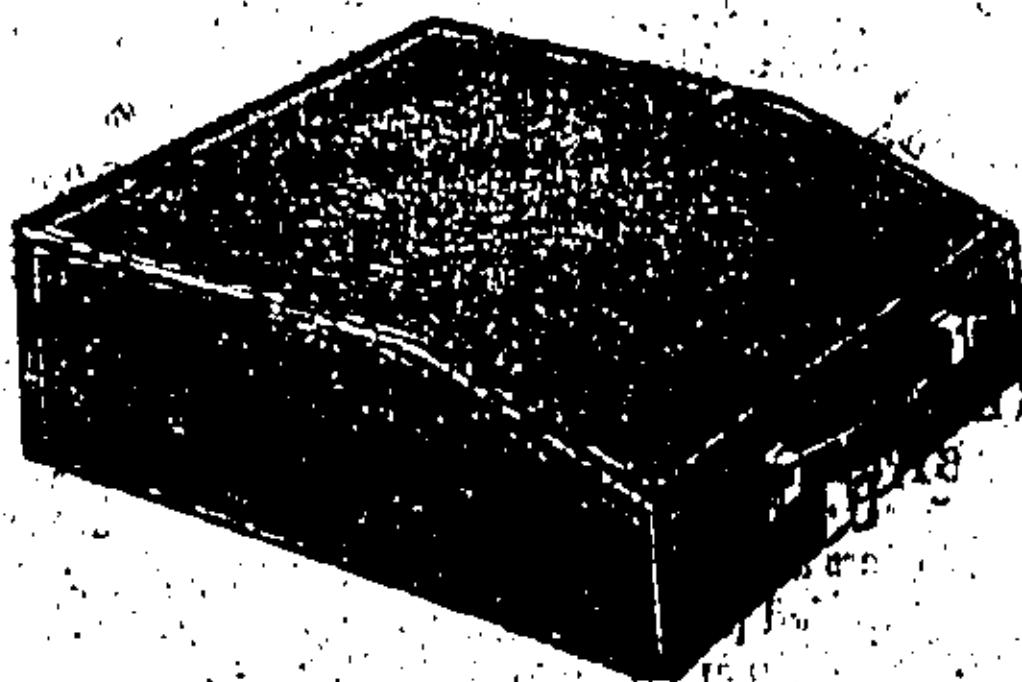
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Shanghai—A1.
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from Balikpapan—A25.
Onaga, (Gibb Liv.) from Singa-
pore—Kowloon Wharf.

Talibius, (B. & S.) from
Shanghai—A2.
Jade, (Kai Yu) from Haiphong—
West Point.

Wongshikung, (Kung Chung)
from Saigon—West Point.
Sakino Maru, (Y. K. K.) from
Keelung—Wanchai.

Yu Sang, (J. M. & Co.) from
Swatow—Co's Wharf.

DEPARTURES.

West Holbrook, (P. M. S. S.)
for Honolulu—February 18.
Hydrangea, (Chin On) for
Swatow—February 18.

Ying Chow, (B. & S.) for
Shanghai—February 18.
Cordillera, (M. M. Cie) for
Saigon—February 18.

Christiania, February 16. Nor-
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with the publication of a Russian
Note recognising Norway's sover-
eignty over Spitzbergen. The
temporary "Cling" Affairs
appointed to the Russo-Norwegian
Commission will settle outstanding
questions.—Reuter.

Vera Cruz, February 16—It is
unofficially reported that the
Federal General, Topete, with
2,000 men, when advancing from
Cardoba to Ego Blanca, on the
Isthmus railway, was ambushed
by Rebels in Motorcage being
defeated and dispersed, losing
trains.—Reuter.

Cape Town, February 16. The
Assembly passed the second read-
ing of the Women's Enfranchise-
ment Bill by 54 votes to 43.
General Smuts, in supporting the
Bill, pointed out the difficulty
regarding the Cape Province,
where native men were eligible to
vote.—Reuter.

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From To
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18.
U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai.....Pres. Cleveland

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19.
Straits.....Meriones

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22.
EUROPE via Suez (Letters and Papers London 54th
Jan. and Parcel 17th Jan.).....Rhyber

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23.
U.S.A. Canada, Japan and Shanghai.....Pres. Grant

MONDAY, MARCH 3.
U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai.....Pres. Hayes

OUTWARD MAILS.

To From Times
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18.
Samsui and Wuchow.....4.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard.....5 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19.
Haiphong.....8 a.m.
Bangkok.....8.30 a.m.
Bangkok and Bangkok.....10.30 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok.....10.30 a.m.
Shanghai.....Noon.
Swatow, Amoy and Focchow.....2.30 p.m.
Manila.....5 p.m.
Swatow.....5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20.
Straits, Colombo and Bombay.....10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A. Central
U.S.A. Central & EUROPE via
Victoria, B.C., due Vancouver B.C.
10th Mar. and Europe via Siberia
(Correspondence specially super-
scribed "via Siberia" only).....
Manila.....10.30 a.m.
Samsui.....1 p.m.
Focchow.....2.30 p.m.
Japan.....5 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21.
Swatow.....3.30 a.m.
Haiphong.....Noon.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22.
Swatow, Amoy and Focchow.....Noon.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A. Central
U.S.A. Central & EUROPE via
Victoria, B.C., due Vancouver B.C.
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Manila.....10.30 a.m.
Samsui.....1 p.m.
Focchow.....2.30 p.m.
Japan.....5 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23.
Manila.....10.30 a.m.
Samsui.....1 p.m.
Focchow.....2.30 p.m.
Japan.....5 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24.
Haiphong.....8.30 a.m.
Bangkok.....8.30 a.m.
Bangkok and Bangkok.....10.30 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok.....10.30 a.m.
Shanghai.....Noon.
Swatow, Amoy and Focchow.....2.30 p.m.
Manila.....5 p.m.
Swatow.....5 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25.
Straits, Egypt and EUROPE via LONDON
—due London 1st April Registration
1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 a.m.
Manila.....2.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26.
Shanghai and Japan.....10.30 a.m.
Samsui.....1 p.m.
Focchow.....2.30 p.m.
Japan.....5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27.
U.S.A. Central & EUROPE via
Victoria, B.C., due Vancouver B.C.
10th Mar. and Europe via Siberia
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Manila.....10.30 a.m.
Samsui.....1 p.m.
Focchow.....2.30 p.m.
Japan.....5 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28.
Manila.....10.30 a.m.
Samsui.....1 p.m.
Focchow.....2.30 p.m.
Japan.....5 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29.
Manila.....10.30 a.m.
Samsui.....1 p.m.
Focchow.....2.30 p.m.
Japan.....5 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 30.
Manila.....10.30 a.m.
Samsui.....1 p.m.
Focchow.....2.30 p.m.
Japan.....5 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1.
Manila.....10.30 a.m.
Samsui.....1 p.m.
Focchow.....2.30 p.m.
Japan.....5 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2.
Manila.....10.30 a.m.
Samsui.....1 p.m.
Focchow.....2.30 p.m.
Japan.....5 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3.
Manila.....10.30 a.m.
Samsui.....1 p.m.
Focchow.....2.30 p.m.
Japan.....5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4.
Manila.....10.30 a.m.
Samsui.....1 p.m.
Focchow.....2.30 p.m.
Japan.....5 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5.
Manila.....10.30 a.m.
Samsui.....1 p.m.
Focchow.....2.30 p.m.
Japan.....5 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6.
Manila.....10.30 a.m.
Samsui.....1 p.m.
Focchow.....2.30 p.m.
Japan.....5 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7.
Manila.....10.30 a.m.
Samsui.....1 p.m.
Focchow.....2.30 p.m.
Japan.....5 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8.
Manila.....10.30 a.m.
Samsui.....1 p.m.
Focchow.....2.30 p.m.
Japan.....5 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9.
Manila.....10.30 a.m.
Samsui.....1 p.m.
Focchow.....2.30 p.m.
Japan.....5 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.
Manila.....10.30 a.m.
Samsui.....1 p.m.
Focchow.....2.30 p.m.
Japan.....5 p.m.

WEATHER REPORT.

February 18th 10h 50m.—Pressure
has decreased considerably from
Shanghai to Haiphong, moderately
over N.E. China and central Indo-
China and slightly over the
Philippines.

Moderate monsoon may be ex-
pected along the S.E. coast of China
and over the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.4 inch.
Total since January 1st, 4.23 inches,
against an average of 2.47 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at
noon on February 19, 1924.

1.—Formosa Channel, N.E. winds;
moderate.

2.—South coast of China between
Hongkong and Lanchow. E. winds;
moderate; rain, fog, warmer.

3.—Hongkong to Gap Rock. E. winds;
moderate; rain, fog, warmer.

4.—South coast of China between
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DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

FEBRUARY 18, 1924.—a.m.

Station. Hour. Barometer. Temperature. Humidity. Direction. Force.

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Yamato 6.5 29.85 8 100 0 0

Shanghai 6.5 29.85 8 100 0 0

Haiphong 6.5 29.85 8 100 0 0

Swatow 6.5 29.85 8 100 0 0

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The B. F. s. "Trellis" left Liver-
pool on Feb. 3 for Hongkong, Shanghai,
Taku and Dairen and is due here on or
about March 7.

The B. F. s. "Astyanax" left Liver-
pool on Jan. 27 for Singapore, Hongkong,
Shanghai and Japan and is due here on
or about Mar. 8.

The N.Y.K. s. "Hama Maru" (Euro-
pean Passenger Line) left London for
Hongkong via Suez on Feb. 4 and is
expected here on Mar. 11.

The B. F. s. "Harcourt" left Liver-
pool on Feb. 9 for Straits, Hongkong,
Shanghai and Japan and is due here on
or about Mar. 14.

The A.O.L. s. "West Lion" which is
due at Hongkong on or about Mar. 23
called on Seattle on Feb. 1.

The D.S.L. s. "Pres. Adams" which
is due at Hongkong on Mar. 31st sailed
from New York on Feb. 7 on schedule.

The B. F. s. "Trellis" for Genoa,
Marseilles, Liverpool and Glasgow
is due here to-day. The vessel will be
despatched at noon on Feb. 30.

The P. & O. s. "Harcourt" left Singa-
pore for this port on Feb. 17 at 4 p.m.
with the outward English Mails and is
due here on Feb. 22 at about 8 a.m.

The U. I. s. "Tanda" left Moji for
this port on Feb. 17 at 4 p.m. and is due
here on Feb. 22 at about a.m.

The C.P.S. s. "Empress of Aus-
tralia